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Voter turnout expected to be high next week

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The gubernatorial race, the number of elected seats on the ballot and general dissatisfaction among voters regarding the state economy is fueling what is expected to be a high voter turnout next Tuesday.

Romulus City Clerk Linda Choate said her office has been busy mailing 1,200 absentee ballots — which is substantially higher than usual.

"Normally, we send out about 700 to 800 absentee ballots," she said. "We've seen very busy around here. There seems to be a little more interest this year."

Also expected to be larger in number are the lines when polls open on Nov. 7, Choate said. "We think there's going to be a 50 percent turnout this year, which is pretty good."

That means about 8,000 residents among the 16,000 registered voters in Romulus will help decide several elected spots and proposals.

This year, there are no local ballot questions, but several local positions will be decid-

ed.

State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) will face off with Republican newcomer Fred Kalsic for the opportunity to represent District 8, as will State Rep. Hoon-Yung Hopgood, who will challenge first-time candidate Ben Armstrong (R-Taylor).

Basham, who is seeking a second term on the state senate, said he is confident about his chances for re-election.

"I've done my job here," he said. "I don't think you ever want to be too confident about being re-elected, though. I think it's best to say that I'm cautiously optimistic."

Also seeking a third, six-year term is 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green. She is being challenged by Thomas Dipietro, a Belleville attorney. The 34th District Court serves Romulus, Belleville, Van Buren Township and Huron Township.

County Commissioner Ed Boike (D-Taylor) is seeking a tenth, two-year term on the 16-member Wayne County Commission. He is challenged by David Garassi, a Republican.

Statewide offices — apart from the gubernatorial contest between Gov. Jennifer

Granholm and Grand Rapids businessman Dick DeVos — are also on the ballot.

Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) is facing off with Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard (R-Mich.). Democratic Rep. John Dingell, who represents Romulus, is facing third-party challengers Aimee Smith of the Green Party, Robert Czak of the U.S. Taxpayers Party, and Greg Stempfle of the Libertarian Party.

Attorney General Mike Cox will also defend his seat from Amos Williams, an attorney in private practice.

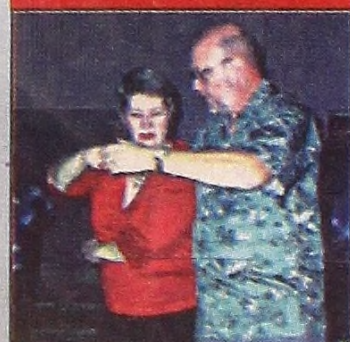
Statewide proposals are also bringing people to the polls. Proposal 2 would ban the use of affirmative action programs in state hiring, state contracts and college admission.

Proposal 5 would guarantee school per-pupil funding increases at the rate of inflation. Schools went for three years, between 2002 and 2004, without funding increases.

Proposal 3 would re-introduce dove hunting to Michigan. Currently, under state law, doves are a protected species.

Nine polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. throughout the city, said Choate.

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Scary monsters

Goblins and ghouls crowded into the Barth Spooktacular on Friday, Oct. 27. Students that attended the event showed off their costumes, along with hand-made haunted houses that were displayed in the library. More than 300 parents and children came — in costume — to the Spooktacular, which is actually a fundraiser for the school. Here (left to right) third graders Sarah Russell, Jada Street and Jordan Aaron accept ribbons after they were named the winners of a costume contest.

Men arrested after robbery, trip

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Staff Writer

The men police say are responsible for robbing a Romulus woman of more than \$20,000 were located in Detroit after spending some of the money at a motel in the resort town of Ludington, off the coast of Lake Michigan, last weekend.

The suspects — who are 32 and

39 years old and live in Westland — were arrested by Michigan State Police troopers after a routine traffic stop in Detroit, said Det. Sgt. Andrew Fias of the Michigan State Police Hart Post.

"They were caught by our Detroit Post in Detroit on Sunday," he said. "They spent about four days up here. Though they were arrested in Detroit and the crime is out of Romulus,

there are some significant ties here."

Fias did say that the State Police, which executed a search warrant on the motel room, launched a full-scale investigation. They did find evidence in the room that may lead to additional charges against the men, but Fias said he couldn't release

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No same sex schools as of yet

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Staff Writer

Boys and girls will be learning together for the foreseeable future at Romulus Community Schools.

Recent state provisions put into effect by the Michigan Legislature that allows public schools more leeway in creating girls- and boys-only classes has sparked many responses from residents and education leaders, but there is currently no discussion at board offices or among schools officials to create any new, same-sex classes, said district spokesman Dick Kruse.

"I think there's a place for that sort of program, but we aren't talking about it," he said. "It could come up, though."

Opponents of same-sex classrooms or schools under the auspices of a public school district worry that, if separated, boys and girls may not receive the same level of instruction. Supporters said the concept may improve a student's ability to concentrate in the classroom.

Carl Weiss, the new superintendent of Romulus Schools, was unavailable for comment about the same sex schools or classes. The district has undergone some changes, however. Weiss instituted

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State offers help with heating costs

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Staff Writer

Families living in western Wayne County who are having trouble paying their utility bills may qualify for some help from the state.

The Michigan Public Service Commission has earmarked \$45 million in energy assistance funds to help residents affected by the lackluster economy keep pace with escalating utility costs.

In Wayne and Monroe counties, those funds will be dispersed by the Downriver Community Conference, which has received \$500,000 in funds to assist low-income residents.

State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) said that the downriver community has been hit especially hard by job losses, which may make several residents eligible for assistance.

"Although energy costs have dropped slightly they still pose a significant burden for many and have the potential to cripple household budgets," he said. "Those especially hard hit are low-income and fixed-income families already struggling to make ends meet. Grants like this will help keep

vulnerable families warm and intact."

Paula Anderson, the director of weatherization for the Downriver Community Conference, said this is the second consecutive year that her organization has participated in the public service commission grant program.

"We serviced about 900 clients last year, and we expect it may be more this year," she said.

The amount of the grant for the downriver area is more than it was last year, Anderson added.

The conference and the commission are still ironing out details of the grant program, but federal income guidelines will be used to determine the amount of assistance provided to each individual applicant.

Anderson said applicants would be asked to come into their Southgate offices to fill out paperwork and show caseworkers verification of their income.

The conference was one of 10 organizations statewide receiving a piece of the \$45 million pie late last month.

The funds will be available beginning Jan. 1, 2007. Individuals needing assistance with home heating bills are encouraged to contact the conference at (734) 362-3475.

Veteran's Day volunteers are sought

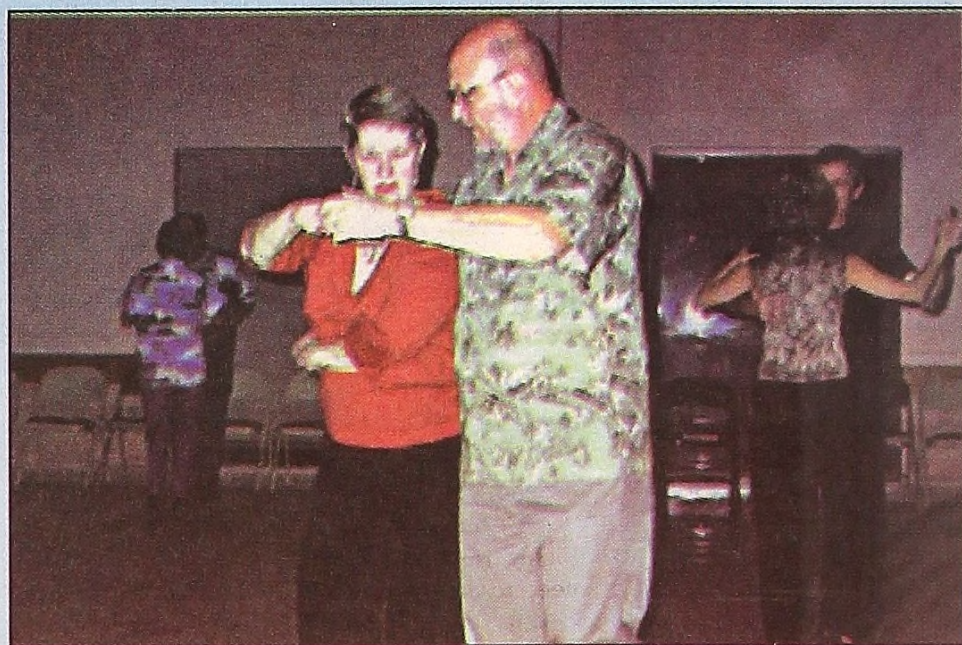
Belleville is seeking volunteers to help place flags in the city cemeteries in honor of Veterans Day 2006.

The Cemetery Advisory Committee will place American Flags on the graves of all veterans who are buried at Hillside

Cemetery.

The project will start at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. Each section takes about an hour.

For more information, contact the city at (734) 697-9323.



Swing time

Van Buren Township will continue to host the Community Dance Socials at the recreation center through December. Participants can dance, socialize and enjoy light refreshments. The next Days of Bonnie and Clyde social will take place on Nov. 18 and will feature swing music. D.J. Terry B. will teach a new dance from 7-8 p.m. with dancing to follow from 8-11 p.m. The next event will take place on Dec. 16 with a Flashback Disco Night. For more information, contact the recreation department at (734) 699-8921.



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Senator leans on ideas and experience

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Senator Raymond Basham said there's really one issue that overrides all others this year: Creating good jobs for Michigan residents.

The legislator, who is seeking his second term in the Michigan Senate, said he believes that the types of jobs that have come into District 8 (Romulus, Wayne, Taylor, Southgate, Riverview, Wyandotte, Lincoln Park, Allen Park, Melvindale and Ecorse), which are mainly in the service and temporary employment sector, are not the ones that that should be relied on for an economic recovery.

"We need to ask businesses that not only if they are providing jobs, but if they are providing high-paying jobs," he said. "We need to ask if these are the kinds of jobs that people can have and continue to support themselves."

Basham, a Democrat who is campaigning against Republic

Fred Kalsic for what will be his last term in the state senate, has built his candidacy around these issues and two others that are important to residents. Those are finding ways to help employers provide healthcare to the estimated 900,000 employed residents who labor without health insurance, and finding ways to attract the high-tech jobs Michigan needs to diversify the economy.

"We have a highly-motivated, highly trained workforce, and we need to do a better job of telling businesses about what we have to offer, and why they should come here to do business," he said. "We do that already, but we need to be more aggressive to bring jobs to the state."

One issue Basham is taking on is the lack of healthcare options for residents, many of whom are working in full time jobs that either can't or won't offer health insurance.

He has recently introduced legislation that would require

companies that are profitable but still refuse to insure their workers to reimburse the Medicaid system, which ends up paying for care for these workers. Basham said this sets up a corporate welfare system that is a burden to taxpayers, who pay for Medicaid.

"If a company is profitable, they should offer insurance," he said. "It's a different story if they're struggling (financially). But we have more than one company operating in Michigan that has a high percentage of employees on Medicaid, and they should have to pick up some of the burden if they're making a profit here."

Basham, who is term limited, also spent two terms as the state representative for Romulus, and began his career as a Taylor city councilman. He said his career has been a long one because he understands the problems encountered by district residents and local municipalities, and has worked hard for solutions.

"Our job should always be to



Senator Raymond Basham

lift up, not to push down," he said.

Basham has introduced legislation taking on several issues, including the Medicaid reimbursement bill. Others include a provision that would limit the ability of persons to sue police officers who render assistance to them while they're off duty, and legislation that would ban smoking in restaurants and other public buildings.

The general election will take place Nov. 7.

News in brief

Airport opens "cell phone" lane

The Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) has opened a cell-phone waiting lane near the Smith Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport to help alleviate vehicle congestion at the arrivals curb.

"Airport management has always said that curb fronts are for active loading and unloading only, but many people drive up to the curb to wait for arriving passengers who are not ready at the curb," said WCAA CEO Lester Robinson. "These lingering vehicles create traffic congestion and cause security concerns. Airport Police have no choice but to direct them away from the curb."

Once an arriving passenger is at the curb with their luggage, they can contact their ride on their cell phone and be picked up within a minute.

The lane is located across from the North Terminal construction site. There is enough space to comfortably accommodate at least 30 vehicles.

Chamber looks for top businessperson

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the 22nd "Person of the Year" award.

Nominees should be individuals who have made significant contributions to Romulus and city residents. The award is given to honor those achievements, according to chamber representatives.

Applicants are required to submit a biographical synopsis outlining their individual achievements in the community, including statements that directly address why the nominee should be awarded the Person of the Year designation.

The winner will be given the award at a ceremony in March 2007. No specific date has been set.

The deadline for nominations is Dec. 15, 2006. Nomination forms are available at the chamber office and on the chamber website at www.romuluschamber.org.

Chamber offices are located at 11189 Shook Road in Romulus. For more information, contact Karen Labelle at (734) 893-0694.

Schools concerned about modified restraint laws

Andrea King
Staff Writer

A modification in the school restraint and seclusion policy is leaving area administrators concerned about how the change would help.

The policy change could prohibit the use of seclusion—defined as the confinement of a student alone in a room or an area from which exit is prevented—along with limits on restraint during emergency situations.

The Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA) opposes the statewide change.

They believe the original draft developed by a statewide reference group-made up of par-

ents, advocates, educators and policy makers-charged with developing the standards for seclusion and restraint, adequately balances the need to protect the rights of students, while allowing the school staff to provide an environment conducive to safety and learning. The recommendation the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) may approve is not reflective of that; it will severely restrict the options schools can use to protect the safety of its students and staff, according to the MASA, officials.

"As it stands now it will jeopardize the safety of the general education classroom," said Brad Biladeau, director of government relations for the MASA. "If you

look at it, it serves as a calcification for current law and our fear is the way it reads, it will prohibit teachers from adequately addressing emergency situations that arise in the classroom, like firearms, weapons, abuses and other threats."

Ray Gross, director of instruction for the Van Buren Public School District, said there needs to be guidelines for dealing with restraint and seclusion, but it's a delicate balance.

"There are situations where people are in danger or hurt and restraint has to be used," he said.

Gross, a former principal, said there really shouldn't be a need for physical force that often. It should not be a standard practice, he said.

The "Supporting Student Behavior: Standards for the Emergency Use of Seclusion and Restraint and Recommended Strategic Directives" policy would guarantee safety of staff and students along with the professional development and training in a way that is least harmful, according to the MDE.

"There has been a lot of interest and public testimony. The issue is how much restraint and seclusion should schools be allowed," said Martin Ackley, spokesperson for the MDE. "It's a sensitive issue."

The policy, which would apply to all students, will come back to the state board of education at the Nov. 14 meeting for possible action, according to Ackley.

Westland police investigate series of home invasions

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

Four men are in custody for allegedly perpetrating a series of armed home invasions in Westland and Canton Township.

From September to mid-October, Westland was plagued by a series of armed home invasions in which gun-toting thieves bound and harassed residents while stealing their belongings.

Westland police responded to home invasion at the Point West

apartment complex on Cottrill Road that ended with a car being stolen. Later recovered by the Canton Police Department, Ridener said that further investigation found an unexpected fingerprint inside.

According to Westland Police Lt. James Ridener, the print was traced to 18-year-old James Michael Hobson of Canton. He was arrested on Friday when police delivered a warrant to his apartment. He subsequently confessed to the Sept. 20 armed

home invasion and implicated three other people, Ridener said.

"We executed three search warrants over the weekend," said Ridener.

As a result of those warrants, police have since taken several other individuals into custody. Twenty-three year old Harry Taylor, also known as Harry Miller, of Canton was arrested Friday night. Decory Lamar Sharpe, 19, of Westland was picked up on Saturday afternoon. Lastly, 19-year-old

Laquinta Curtez Terry, who Ridener said is officially a Canton resident though he frequently stays in Southfield, was arrested early Monday morning.

"All have subsequently confessed to different parts of the robberies," said Ridener.

Hobson and Taylor have been charged with home invasion—first degree, armed robbery, felony firearm, and, under a new law, with torture for allegedly binding and 'terrorizing' homeowners.

Schools

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Schools of Choice at the district after the former superintendent—who refused to allow a Choice Program—retired from the district.

Though no public districts in the immediate area have publicly announced plans for a same sex school outside of Detroit, Kruse said the idea does have some

merit.

"There's a place for same-sex schools," he said.

He also said that although historically, both female and male students at many districts were the victims of bias, it would difficult to perpetrate that sort of attitude.

"It's so locked down in terms of testing students and expectations at the state level that, if students weren't performing, everyone would know it," he said.

Robbery

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any further information about the findings pending the outcome of the probe.

The men were taken into custody on Oct. 29 after troopers discovered Romulus police were trying to locate the men, Fias said. They were arrested with about \$13,000 of the stolen

money in their possession, Fias said.

Romulus police confirmed the men were suspected of robbing a Romulus woman. Fias said police believe the men took cash, and some travelers checks. Some of the travelers checks were found with the men Sunday, police said.

It's unclear how the men allegedly came into possession of the money. Romulus Police Det. Sgt. Jeff Lazarski said he

had no information on the case.

Det. Lt. John Leacher did not return calls seeking comment.

Police did say that drug charges could be pending in Wayne County.

It is possible the men could face charges out of Ludington, however.

"We did find things in that room that could lead to charges," said Fias. Those charges would be filed by the Mason County prosecutor.

OPINION

Our choices are...

Voters in Wayne and Romulus have a clear choice in their next state senator:

Ray Basham (D-Taylor) has proved he can serve the district well and should be returned for his final term in office. Basham faces off against fellow Taylor resident **Fred Kalsic** in the election.

As a legislator, Basham is perfect for the district. A former autoworker, his blue-collar roots reflect his constituency. He served admirably in the House of Representatives before moving on to the senate post, where he has continued his solid work.

While in Lansing, Basham has been a strong advocate for the residents of the 8th District. He has pushed for more school spending, brought road and other money back to the district and has promoted legislation that hasn't always been popular with his peers, but represents the right thing to do. His advocacy on increasing the minimum wage saw that legislation approved and his near constant fight to reduce smoking in restaurants and other public places shows he's not afraid to go up against big lobbying firms in order to push for what he believes is right and will benefit the common good.

Through it all, Basham has remained in touch with the leaders in his district and is eminently approachable to all residents. He's a classic example of a workingman's legislator and we think he would recognize that phrase as the high praise it is.

The race for the 11th District on the Wayne County Commission is, quite frankly, a toss up. Here former senator **Loren Bennett** is squaring off against **Kevin McNamara**, son of the near-legendary former county executive, with a likeable newcomer, **Michael Murray**, thrown in the mix.

We like McNamara for the spot. He has the potential to get a lot of things done in the district, which isn't easy to do given its heavily Republican base in Canton. We think he will mesh better with the remainder of the Democrats on the county commission and provide a strong voice—and hopefully, strong results, for the fringes of western Wayne County. Equally hopefully, Murray will have a strong showing, too. We'd like to see more of him in the future.

Voters should select **Ray Basham** and **Kevin McNamara** on Nov. 7.

Charter needs slow change

Voters in the City of Inkster will face an important choice when they go to the polls next week: what should be done with the city charter?

A complete revision of the 42-year-old document is on the ballot with several proposed changes, some good and some bad.

That, unfortunately, is the problem. It's an all or nothing deal and for that reason, we think voters should reject the proposed changes.

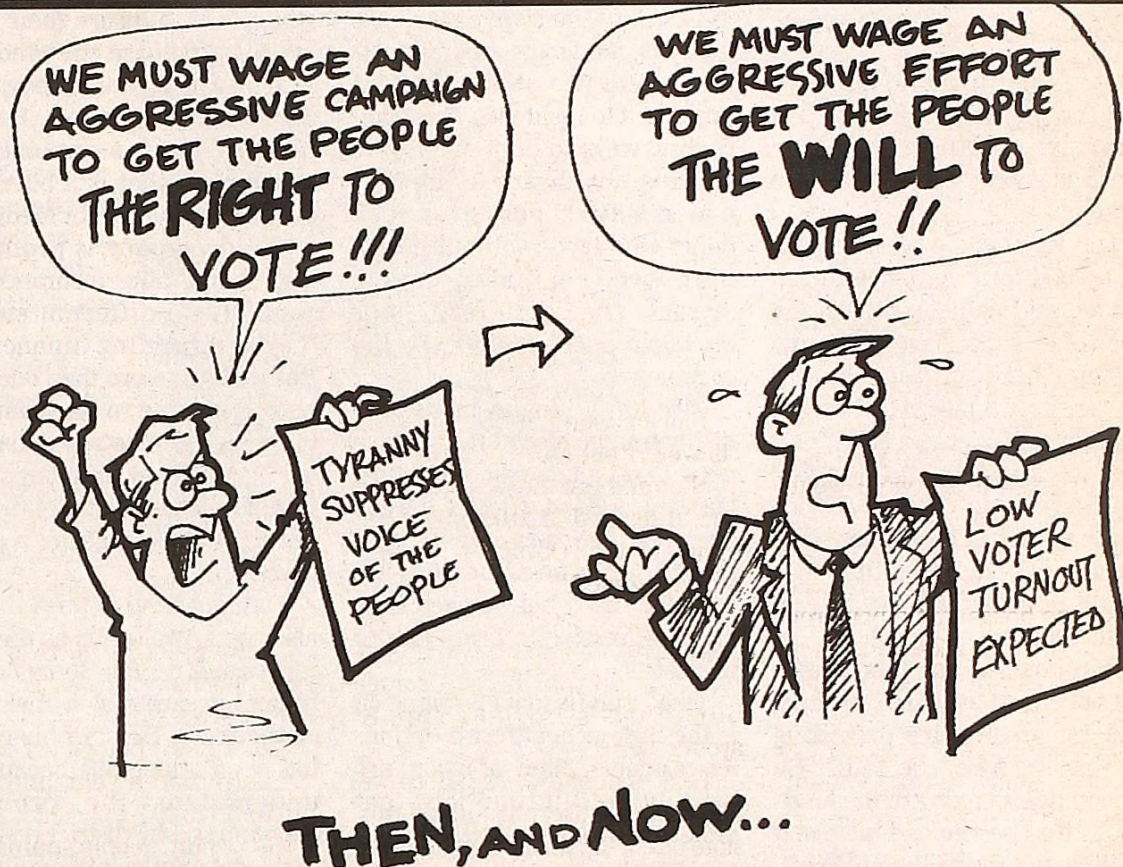
The revision effort has the best interests of the city at heart. In fact, it's stated in the proposed new preamble of the document: to progressively move our city forward.

This is a process that has been steeped in controversy from the beginning however, when it was thought it was an attempt to change the city from a traditional city manager-council form of government to one where an elected mayor would run the day-to-day operations of the city.

That is no longer part of the equation, but the document suggests several changes for the role of the mayor. Most notably, it grants him or her a veto power and we just don't see the need for that. A mayor with such a power is a relative rarity. We also don't think the mayor needs his or her own discretionary fund.

The revision suggests some positive changes, such as a consultation

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Hey, some leadership, please

It would be nice if the Wayne City Council showed some leadership the next time the mural plan comes before them.

It will, too: the final decision on where the mural(s) will be painted rests in their hands, as well as what it depicts.

So far, though, it hasn't seemed like they've been paying attention. The money for the program was set aside in the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) budget in 2006—a carryover from the previous year, when it was also in the budget. It didn't generate much comment during that budget process, nor did it when the city council voted—in front of the camera—to approve the contract with Josh Winer and David Fichter.

The concern only came up after that vote, when people questioned members of the council about the wisdom of the expense, given the layoffs and program cuts that were a part of the 2006 budget. The city was already on the hook for \$16,000 at that point, because the first portion of the payment was due when the contract was 'finalized.'

So I hoped that some member of the city council would take the opportunity at the last city council meeting to explain the expense and why they decided to go ahead with the project, but no such explanation came during the city council comments portion of the meeting.

It should have gone something like this:

"I (or we) have been getting some calls questioning why we would spend money on a mural program after we asked every department to trim money from their respective budgets. Wouldn't that money be better spent elsewhere?"

"The answer is, even if it would be, it can't be. The money comes from our DDA, which was set up to capture tax revenues that will then be put back into the district to make improvements in the downtown. It's not a piggy bank. It's designed to enhance the downtown with the hopes that it will help the rest of the community to flourish."

"We understand that we are facing difficult economic times. We heard all the concerns over layoffs and budget cuts. We felt that, too, because none of us like making these difficult decisions in our home town."

"We still think it's important to try to improve that town, though. We need to improve our image, to change the mindset of those who want to do business here. We want to raise the bar."

"Here's the thing: we can't put it off because we are facing difficult economic times. We will ALWAYS be facing difficult economic times unless we try to do something other than just keeping the lights on and the basic services running. This will not change our situation overnight, but it's a good first step."

I think this program should just be a first step, too. The money being discussed, about \$50,000, is about one percent of the overall DDA budget every year. Granted, the DDA pays for other improvements, too, like the downtown streetscape, but if you can't make a case to set aside a little extra for other enhancements, isn't this all a moot point, anyway?

Note: My series on the effects of drunken driving will continue next week.

What's a 20-something to do this year?

What's a 20-something woman to do at the polls this year?

For me, the race for governor is choosing between the lesser of two evils.

Yes, we all know the Michigan economy isn't the greatest, that people need healthcare, that education and the environment need to be protected and abortion issues will always be a struggle. However, when it comes to choosing who will get my vote for governor, well, I might just have to flip a coin.

Let's take the first issue at stake: jobs. We need them and people are leaving the state to get them. Heck, I've even considered it numerous times.

Dick DeVos claims things like he's all for small businesses, diversifying the economy and supporting an extension of revenue sharing as long as the Michigan economy is rejuvenated and can provide the increase. Governor Jennifer Granholm has her Jobs Today, Jobs Tomorrow Plan, along with sever-

al tax-cut approvals under her belt and claims of traveling around the world to bring new businesses into Michigan.

Issue number two: healthcare. Both candidates seem to have the want for affordable healthcare for everyone, but I want to know when is that truly going to happen?

Education—also a major concern—seems to sway more toward the children deserving a 'world-class' education in Michigan on the DeVos side, while Granholm said she is committed to ensuring that every person in Michigan has access to high-quality education.

As for the environment, DeVos wants to protect natural resources and find new energy solutions, while Granholm wants to protect the Great Lakes and create incentives for using alternative energy.

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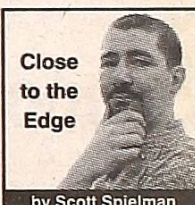
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Taking a chance on state

Quite a few people asked me where I disappeared to for nearly two weeks last month.

The answer is that I purchased my first home, and needed to move my things from my current place to this one. Like many people who have the means to purchase a fixer-upper, it was a great time to buy – I have two bedrooms, a two-car garage, a deck, and a huge corner lot in a very respectable municipality slightly outside our newspaper circulation area.

I wouldn't describe my home as dilapidated. A better word would be unloved.

My new neighbors tell me that a young man, about 20 years old, bought the house, put a new front porch on it, knocked out some walls and part of the ceiling, then disappeared.

They believe he lost his job, and this new home went away, mid-construction, once his paychecks stopped.

The embodiment of my dream became his nightmare, and these heartbreaking stories are all over Michigan right now as the state continues to struggle.

The housing market – once the one thing that kept our economy afloat after 9-11 and thereafter – is

falling apart.

This could just be a correction in the market from over-inflated prices, but still, residents that paid what looked like a reasonable price five or 10 years ago may take a hit if they have to leave the state for work.

It's not only a Michigan problem. A report on a nightly news program profiled desperate sellers from all over the U.S. trying anything to sell their homes. One man in Florida who paid \$680,000 for his waterfront home couldn't find a seller and put the place up auction. It fetched \$220,000. His only comment was, "Obviously, I'm really disappointed."

The key to recovery is jobs and logical provisions to safeguard American employment – something that is in short supply around here.

Less than one week before we elect a new governor to lead this state out of the doldrums, we need to start asking some questions of the two candidates seeking the spot.

Not much has been done here for the last four years, and we need to ask Gov. Granholm what she plans to do make things better in another term. We also need to

ask Dick DeVos to more specifically lay out his plan, because right now, it appears like he doesn't have one.

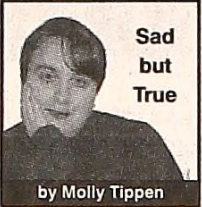
Both of them need to be asked how they will work with legislators in Washington to repair the federal trade deficit, and the answer of, "we have to compete," isn't good enough.

We need to ask them what's going to happen when more homes come on the market when autoworkers who accepted buy-outs flee the state, and what businesses they're working on attracting so some of these people might stay.

There are other burning questions – too many to be asked in this small space.

The home I bought sat vacant for more than a year, and once sold for \$110,000. I picked it up for \$74,500. Oddly, people approached me about buying the home as I worked to fix some of its more obvious shortcomings. Some of them assumed I was an investor; I told them no, I attend to live there, at least for a while.

As long as it makes sense for me to live in Michigan.



Sad but True

by Molly Tippen

Election

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Hot button issues—abortion and gay rights—are the major dividing factors between the two campaigns.

DeVos is against abortion even in the case of rape or incest and believes that marriage is defined as between a man and a woman. Granholm protects a woman's right to choose in the case of abortion. She also claims to have several initiatives fighting for the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transsexual (GLBT) Community.

So who's the best candidate to turn this state around?

As a woman, I can say that Granholm's sensitivity to a woman's needs and her open-minded take to the 21st century is refreshing, but you know what they say 'the proof is in the pudding.'

Although DeVos and I share the same birthday—Oct. 21—I

fear that may be all we have in common. Sure, Granholm hasn't made a complete turnaround for Michigan, but there's something sneaky about DeVos that I don't completely trust.

In the end, yes, some of the candidates' ideas sound fine and dandy, but how do they apply to my generation and me? Will I have a future career in Michigan? Will I have health-care, more educational opportunities and a chance to live in a clean environment in the future? Better yet, instead of just claiming those certain things are going to happen once Governor, how about actually making them happen?

Oh, and while those million-dollar campaign ads we see flashing upon our TV screens may seem convincing, here's an idea for both candidates—instead of spending those millions on campaign advertising, why not throw some of that green toward a better use, like the Michigan economy. It could certainly use it.

Charter

FROM PAGE 4

with the mayor by the city manager prior to hiring and employees or terminating them, but we don't feel the city needs to protect that practice in the charter.

We recognize the fact that the revisions were an attempt to make everybody happy and represent the interests of everyone

involved. Sadly, that didn't work. Officials in Inkster are themselves split about the proposed changes and that concerns us, as well.

It's clear that there are some changes needed in the Inkster charter, but we don't think this is the best way to go about it. These things should be separated out and voted on as amendments, providing gradual progress, not a swooping overall change that will likely leave some bitterness behind.

Send us your letters

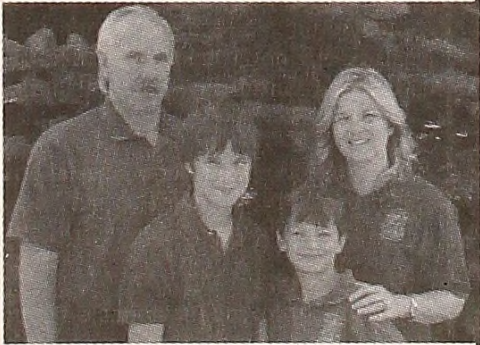
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State may alter school discipline rules

Andrea King
Staff Writer

A modification in the school restraint and seclusion policy is leaving area administrators concerned about the affects of the change.

The policy change could prohibit the use of seclusion—defined as the confinement of a student alone in a room or an area from which exit is prevented—along with limits on restraint during emergency situations.

The Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA) opposes the statewide change.

They believe the original draft developed by a statewide reference group-made up of parents, advocates, educators and policy makers-charged with developing the standards for seclusion and restraint, adequately balances the need to protect the rights of students, while allowing the school staff to provide an environment conducive to safety and learning. The recommendation the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) may approve is not reflective of that; it will severely restrict the options schools can use to protect the safety of its students and staff, according to the MASA, officials.

“As it stands now it will jeopardize the safety of the general education classroom,” said Brad Biladeau, director of government relations for the MASA. “If you

look at it, it serves as a calcification for current law and our fear is the way it reads, it will prohibit teachers from adequately addressing emergency situations that arise in the classroom, like firearms, weapons, abuses and other threats.”

Ray Gross, director of instruction for the Van Buren Public School District, said there needs to be guidelines for dealing with restraint and seclusion, but it’s a delicate balance.

“There are situations where people are in danger or hurt and restraint has to be used,” he said. “You have to evaluate the situation as you’re in it with the circumstances that are taking place. You never want to hurt a child, but you always want to protect the child and others.”

Gross, a former principal, said there really shouldn’t be a need for physical force that often. It should not be a standard practice, he said.

“The biggest thing is to use common sense,” said Gross. “You don’t want to hurt anyone, but there are times for safety involved where restraint has to be used in the proper way”

The “Supporting Student Behavior: Standards for the Emergency Use of Seclusion and Restraint and Recommended Strategic Directives” policy would guarantee safety of staff and students along with the professional development and training in a way that is least harmful, according to the MDE.

“There has been a lot of interest and public testimony. The

issue is how much restraint and seclusion should schools be allowed,” said Martin Ackley, spokesperson for the MDE. “It’s a sensitive issue. Some feel there should be no restraint/seclusion, than there’s others who feel there are rare instances where they might need to restrain unruly students.”

Ackley said the question is what restraint, if any, can be used.

“It’s still in the review and development stage and we’re listening to all sides. We’re being sensitive to all needs in this issue,” he said.

The policy, which would apply to all students, will come back to the state board of education at the Nov. 14 meeting for possible action, according to Ackley.

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Local woman wins calendar photo contest

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Everything around is inspiring, that's the way Joan Nodwell sees it.

That attitude-and an eye for art-won her the honor and a spot recently in the 2007 Comerica Employee Photo Contest Calendar. This is the second consecutive year her feline photos were chosen.

"God has created a beautiful world for us to enjoy," she said. "Some of my favorite shots to photograph are some of the things others might not find beautiful, like an old building or dead flowers. You can really stop and enjoy everything around you when you have a camera in your hand."

"Since I have two cats and two dogs they get photographed a lot," Nodwell added. "Animals are much tougher than scenery or flowers because they move. You'll see the perfect shot, but by the time you get the camera ready they have moved so you have to have a lot of patience."

Nodwell, a report officer in the portfolio analytics and reporting department of Comerica, grew up in Belleville.

She started with an old Brownie black and white camera, she said, and her love of photography continued from there.

"I've only taken a couple photography classes, but I've taken pictures all my life," said Nodwell. "I like to photograph anything that catches my eye. As my mom can attest to there have been many times we'll be driving along and have to turn around so I can go back and snap some pictures. You have to do it right then because the lighting changes in a heartbeat and what was an awesome shot can be gone forever in five minutes."

Photographing her cats, Mr. Munchkin and Calvin, along with her Dobermans, Skitter and Bella, also led her to volunteer work at the Dog Scouts of America, Second Chance Dobes and Greyhounds of Eastern Michigan.

"Helping others and volunteering is a very important part of my life," she said.

Besides her furry friends, photographer Ansel Adams and artist Georgia O'Keefe also inspire Nodwell, she said.

"There are thousands of photographers and millions of photos out there and it's inspiring to see and appreciate other people's work," said Nodwell.

Other artistic accomplishments include honors through the website www.digitalawards.com and the Wayne County Fair, where her works will move on to the Michigan State Fair. Nodwell also sells note cards, stationery, calendars and matted prints of her work.

"Don't think you have to have expensive camera equipment to take great pictures," she said. "If

you're interested in photography take a class, join a camera club, take lots of pictures and don't be afraid to experiment and try new things.

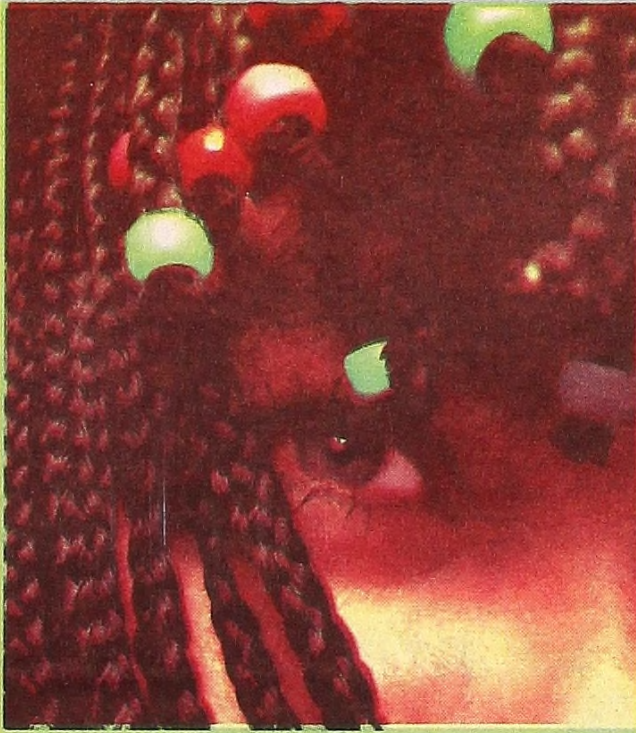
"I carry my camera just about everywhere with me now. Many of my shots have been what people consider to be 'lucky' shots, but I was lucky to have my camera with me so I could get the picture," Nodwell added.



Joan Nodwell



This picture of Calvin won Nodwell a spot in the 2007 Comerica Employee Photo Contest Calendar.



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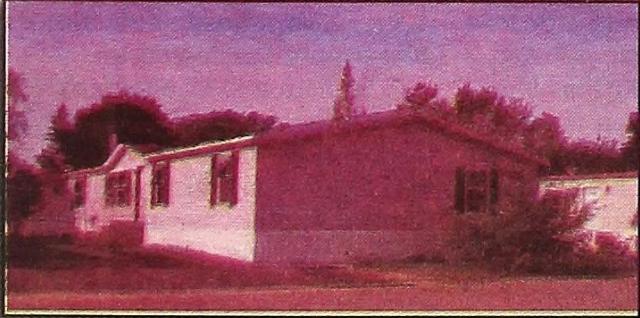
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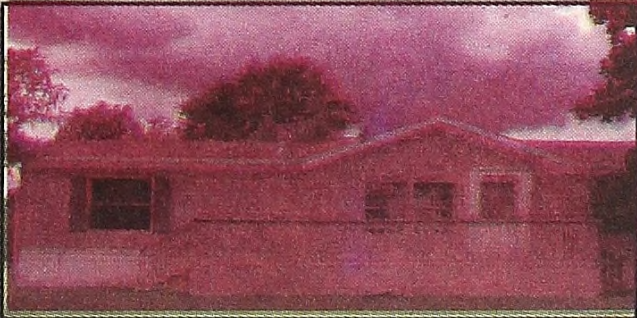
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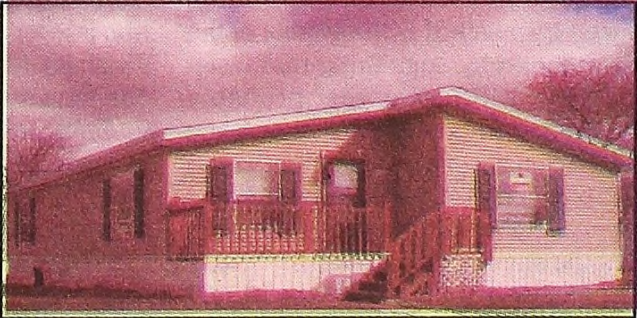
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THE SCENE

Royal pleasures



Reviewed By
Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

All hail THE QUEEN

She's a snapshot of the past; a reminder of one nation's heritage – a woman who's not necessarily in touch with current mores.

Queen Elizabeth II is the symbol of the British monarchy, something that fascinates even U.S. residents, probably because most other countries have given up on the concept of a royal family.

The queen is also human, however, and this is made abundantly clear by Stephen Frears, the director of *The Queen*.

The film is a retelling of the August 1997 automobile accident that killed Princess Diana and catapulted Elizabeth into a situation even she was unsure how to handle. In a situation like this – where the public already feels the young princess was mistreated by an uncaring family – is it better to mourn in private, or in the public, where so many loyal subjects are demanding some sort of acknowledgement?

Those dilemmas – and others – are brought into sharp focus in *The Queen*, which smartly avoids being an indictment of Elizabeth or the existence of the British

monarchy. *The Queen* unfolds much like a documentary and refuses to make any judgments about the actions of the royals.

Veteran British actress Helen Mirren, who is a very stylish, urbane woman, plays Elizabeth. She is a perfect fit for the dowdy queen, and takes on an almost eerie resemblance to the real woman. Michael Sheehan, who plays Prime Minister Tony Blair, also steps in to the role of person we see regularly with ease.

Most of the film involves the conversation between the Labour Party leader and the monarch – the former believes there must be a public showing of grief about Diana's death, and the latter prefers to remain behind the walls of Buckingham Palace. Blair is walking on a very tight rope in his relations with the Queen to urge her to bend to his will.

Elizabeth, who is confronted with an upset Prince Charles – her son and Diana's former husband – tends to her family until she chooses to come out – a

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Marie Antoinette

has more style than substance

I knew what to expect when I wandered into the theater to experience *Marie Antoinette*—a lavish historical epic about a controversial woman.

I was right. It was not, however, the dry, unnecessarily stiff, made-for-PBS type costume drama I had expected and dreaded. The film broke through the traditional stereotypes surrounding Marie Antoinette, portraying her as a woman ill-used, misunderstood, and striving to find happiness in a difficult world rather than as a shallow, out-of-touch spendthrift. Too bad it wasn't enough.

Directed by Sofia Coppola (*Lost in Translation*, *The Virgin Suicides*), the film begins as young Marie Antoinette (Kirsten Dunst) is sent from her Austrian home to wed Louis XVI (Jason Schwartzman), heir to the French throne. She has never met the groom. Their marriage is simply a way to cement political ties between the two powerful regimes. At 14, she is thrust into a completely unfamiliar world with no ties to her homeland.

Once there, court members sneer at her Austrian birth. Her shy husband doesn't seem attracted to her and everyone around her has an unhealthy obsession with the state of her womb and the political ramifications. So long, any remnants of childhood.

As the pressure builds, Marie Antoinette becomes even more of a round peg trying to fit into a square hole. She tries to make herself happy within the rigidly defined world of the French court. She communes with nature, reads philosophy, giggles with the other ladies of the court, and tries desperately to befriend her husband. To the bitter end, her only goals are to be a good wife, a good mother, and to make those around her happy. That whole "Let them eat cake" thing was merely revolutionary propaganda, too.

It is an unexpected view of one of the larger-than-life figures in European history. Coppola is clearly trying to make the film and the heroine more approachable. Take the figures out of their historic garb and throw them in some blue jeans and many of their problems translate into a modern American high school setting—except for the whole 'responsible for the well being of France' thing. But rather than turning her into a real woman of strength, integrity, and charm as well as human foibles, it goes too far.

Though the film touches on her extensive shopping and gambling, Marie Antoinette is depicted as a rather ludicrous combination of Pollyanna and a good old-fashioned martyr. I sympathize, I really do. It was not a life to be envied. Honestly, though, in this hotbed of political intrigue and backstabbing, wouldn't she have lost some of her naivety eventually?

The visual effects are stunning, though. The sets, the backgrounds, the costumes—including period gowns with skirts you could hide a Volkswagen Beetle in—are gorgeous. Much of the scenery was filmed on location at Versailles, the palace that was home to Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI. Those shots alone are almost worth the ticket price.

The acting is also superb. Dunst does a great job as a young woman tossed to the political lions unarmed and Schwartzman is excellent as the reluctant king. The supporting cast, which includes Rip Torn, Molly Shannon, and Marianne Faithfull, works well with what the script offers them.

For historical purists, the film will be maddening. Scenes from Marie Antoinette's life are included and

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Reviewed By
Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

THE SCENE

Queen

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decision she’s not necessarily comfortable with in the near term but comes to see – albeit much later – that it was the right thing to do.

Frears is to be credited with making some smart decisions about the overall tone of the biopic and the casting. The script could have easily been exploitive, vilifying the royal family to build on lingering affection for the late princess. But most of us are neither all good nor all bad; and

Antoinette

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deleted on a whim and the historical accuracy is suspect, to say the least. There is also no consistency in the sound. Characters chat in modern English—sometimes noticeably out-of-place modern English—yet the background chatter is often in French. I was also appalled at the modern music on the soundtrack. It didn’t feel fresh; it felt contrived and distracting

My main caution, however, is not to expect depth. Coppola may take the

Frears struck the balance very well.

Mirren and Sheehan turn what in other movies have been unremarkable roles into great performances – it feels, after about 30 minutes, like the viewer is really watching Blair and Elizabeth.

It was a good decision to show Diana only in news footage – hiring an actress to portray her may have been distracting.

The Queen actually was released two weeks ago, but is slowly making its way onto local screens. It’s not in wide release, so seeing it may mean a trip to Ann Arbor or Royal Oak.

It is worth the trip.
Recommended.

queen in a different direction than earlier depictions, but there is next to nothing here about problems looming outside the palace walls. Audiences will see plenty of warm and fuzzy scenes of Marie Antoinette frolicking in the countryside and not nearly enough to explain the background of the French Revolution and how she got caught in the crossfire in the first place. None of the other characters, including her husband, get any depth whatsoever. This is, at best, the *Cliff’s Notes* version of a biography of the queen.

My advice? Save the ticket price and instead go rent *Sleeping Beauty* or *Ever After*. If you are going to watch a fairy tale, it might as well have a happy ending.

CITY OF ROMULUS
NOTICE TO ELECTORS
Absentee Voter Ballots

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that **ABSENTEE VOTERS BALLOTS** are available for the General Election to be held Tuesday, November 7, 2006, and may be obtained from the Office of the Romulus City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, for electors who expect to be absent from the community, are physically disabled, cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of their religion, or are 60 years of age or older.

Notice is further given that Saturday, November 4, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. is the deadline for the acceptance of Absentee Ballot Applications, in accordance with Section 168.759 of Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948, as amended, The City Clerk’s Office will be open front 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the acceptance thereof

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Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: November 2, 2006

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD OCTOBER 9, 2006
IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.

Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-353

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 2, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Bragg.
Motion Carried.

3. No Petitioners.

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-354

5A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to concur with the Administration and instruct the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement authorizing the firm of Steinhardt, Pesick and Cohen to represent the City of Romulus in its property tax appeal litigation.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-355

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to concur with the Administration and approve the re-appointment of Jeffrey Williams and Larry Williams to the Tax Increment Finance Authority with terms to expire on November 30, 2010.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-356

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to adopt a resolution designating Richard D. Suiter, DPW Director, as the Street Administrator for the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear,

Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-357

6A1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to schedule a public hearing on November 6, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, for the anticipated 2007/2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation and proposed projects.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-358

6A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 05/06-40, introduced at the Regular City Council Meeting held October 2, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-359

10. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Leslie Carr Davis.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-360

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to authorize the City Treasurer to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 06-19 in the grand total amount of Eight Hundred Fourteen Thousand, One Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars and One Cent (814,137.01).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 9, 2006.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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SPORTS



Deshon McClendon racked up 153 rushing yards and two touchdowns in Canton's 48-0 pre-district victory against Stevenson at home on Friday.

Next! Canton shuts out Stevenson, 48-0

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The wet, cold and slippery conditions were perfect for the Canton Chiefs' smash mouth style of play on Friday night.

Canton Coach Tim Baechler navigated his undefeated team to a perfect 48-0 result against Livonia Stevenson in the blustery conditions at home. The victory was a pre-district contest, the first step down a long post-season road.

The weather called for a ground attack and the Chiefs answered.

They carried the ball for 360 yards and six touchdowns; not including senior running back and return man Nick Moores' 91-yard kickoff score to open the second half.

"The defense did a great job setting the tone," Baechler said. "The offense came out and took care of business on the first four possessions. It was exactly what we wanted.

"We wanted a crappy day and we got it," he added. "We feel comfortable now and we just executed the game plan. It just went the way that you want to draw it

up."

Canton got a spark with the return of senior running sensation Deshon McClendon to the offensive backfield. He provided the team with 153 yards rushing on five carries and two TDs. He scored on a 56-yard jaunt in the first quarter to make it a 21-0 game and on a 69-yard scamper in the second frame to make it a 35-0 contest.

Baechler said it was nice to see him back on offense after being limited to just defensive play due to injuries.

"His back tightened up quite a bit but it was good to get him some carries and get him out of there real quick," Baechler said. "So hopefully he'll last."

He also said McClendon could see more carries if necessary this week in the district championship against South Lyon.

Senior Steve Paye regained full command at quarterback after missing time with injuries. He scored on a 9-yard rush to the end zone in the first, making it a 14-0 game.

Regardless of injuries and those shaking off the rust from them, Canton has a host of supporting players that keep the team ticking—depth that is unimaginable on lesser teams.

Moores scored the team's first points with a 1-yard plunge and Antwaun Hawkins scored from two yards out in the third. Devin Murphy scored on a 10-yard run in the fourth to cap off a nine-play, 91-yard drive that took more than seven minutes off the clock.

Senior Colin O'Shaughnessy was 5-for-5 with extras point attempts.

Canton's defense limited Stevenson to 200 yards offense and stymied a 10-play, drive 43-yard drive that took up seven minutes in the third. The Spartans turned the ball over on downs when Canton's defense held them on a fourth-and-six play at the Chiefs' 9.

The Chiefs hope to contain the Lions' roar when they host a 9-1 South Lyon team tomorrow. The Lions defeated visiting Monroe, 14-6, on Friday. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Inkster sinks Clawson, 45-6

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It didn't take Inkster long to show visiting Clawson that they meant business on Saturday in the pre-district football match-up.

The field conditions were messy and muddy at Inkster High and, with the gusty, rainy wind that Mother Nature provided, it was a perfect setting to run the ball. However, it was Inkster's aerial attack in the first quarter that led the Vikings to a 45-6 victory.

With the wind at his back, junior quarterback Aaron Shavers struck early and often with stellar accuracy in the blustery conditions. He scrambled out of trouble on several occasions in order to make big plays. He finished 6-of-8 (75 percent pass-completion ratio) for 241 yards and three scores.

Inkster scored two times on its first three pass plays in the first quarter.

Shavers' first pass fell incomplete but his second struck junior receiver Derrick Coker in the mitts for a 42-yard score at 8:57 of the frame. Then on the team's first play from scrimmage on their second possession—the third play overall—Shavers tossed a 49-yard strike to junior wideout Renty Rollins to make it 13-0.

"We really wanted to take advantage of the wind," said Inkster Coach Greg Carter. "We really don't tell our quarterback who to throw the ball to, but we had a few out-and-ups and he picked the right guy. We just wanted to get a completion and if it resulted in a touchdown then good but it wasn't nothing intentional. We just wanted to throw the ball well and use the wind to our advantage."

On the sixth Inkster play—third drive—Shavers had two tacklers wrapped around him before he shuffled the ball to senior receiver J.J. Snelling, who took it 44 yards to Clawson's 5. Two plays later senior running back Anre' Goree punched in the touchdown from the 1.

Shavers made another big play when

he scrambled in the backfield before lofting a 24-yarder to Coker. That set up an eight-yard scoring run by Snelling at the 11:55 mark of the second. Inkster led 26-0.

"Some of that wasn't coaching," Carter said. "Not every play is going to work the way it was designed and some times I get on him about holding the ball too much—but he has that talent that he can avoid pass rushes. I would really prefer he get the ball out of his hands, but I just turn and don't look half of the time."

Even heading into the wind in the second quarter, Shavers was able to make plays. On another first-and-10 play he connected again with Coker, who ran up the right sideline for a 62-yard score with 22 seconds left in the half.

"I just tried to make a play to help the team out and get the win," Shavers said. "They thought we were going to run so we had to open up the pass this week and that helped out a lot."

Inkster scored even when they weren't trying to. In the third, Inkster was set to punt but the snap was off its mark so Snelling picked it up and ran 51 yards to paydirt, making it a 39-0 game.

Goree finished the scoring for Inkster when he broke free for a 56-yard run.

Senior defensive end Michael Bailey recorded six sacks for Inkster's defense.

Clawson finally got on the board with 17 seconds left in the third when Mike Forsythe ran in a five-yard score.

Inkster will need some of that pizzazz when they face off against Madison Heights Bishop Foley at home at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Bishop Foley (7-3) is a rival of Carter's from when he coached at Detroit St. Martin de Porress. The Detroit school closed two years ago, sending Carter and some of his players to Inkster.

"Since I've played them last they've changed coaching staff so I don't really know a lot about them," he said. "I think in the playoffs it's just as important to

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Inkster's Anre' Goree blasts through visiting Clawson's defense on Saturday to help the Vikings to a 45-6 win.

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SPORTS

Belleville holds off Inkster

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It's official. Belleville is the team to beat in the Mega Red basketball conference.

The Lady Tigers recently punctuated that statement with a 73-68 victory against a tough Inkster host team on Tuesday. The win pushed Belleville's streak to 14 in a row. They are 14-1 overall and 10-0 in the Red. Inkster fell to 5-6 in league play.

Both teams tired in the fourth from playing full-court presses the entire way in hopes of keeping the other's star players quiet. In the end, though, everyone got their's.

Inkster's senior forward Lonnie Terrell led all scorers with 33 points. Her teammate, Brittany Scales, added 13 and snagged 10 rebounds. On the other side of the court, Belleville's leading scorer, senior Taylor Manley, knocked down 25 and Danica Holmes contributed 20.

The full press took its toll on Belleville. While up by 12 points, 68-56, late in the fourth, Inkster battled back with a 12-3 run—scoring seven in the final 22 seconds—to bring the Lady Vikings to within five at the final buzzer.

"We struggled there down the end—we were tired," said Belleville Coach Kevin Edwards. "We pressed the

entire time. That was key coming in because they're bigger than us—they get down here and it's hard to play with them.

"I knew it was going to be a physical game," he said. "I kept telling the girls to keep playing hard and fight through it. I told them one of the things we had to do was put the ball on the glass and go get it—we have to block out."

Inkster played a physical game that sent Belleville to the line seven times in the final frame. That's where the Lady Tigers shined, hitting 11-of-14 from the stripe. Inkster also shot well from the line, too, making six of its eight free throws.

Belleville held Terrell to three points in the first half. That helped the Lady Tigers take a 15-12 lead after eight minutes. Manley scored 10 of her points in the first, including a triple with 33 seconds left.

"Once again it was key to stop Lonnie," Manley said. "She ended up scoring a lot but we tried. We knew it would be a physical game we knew we had it coming."

The Tigers upped the advantage, outscoring Inkster, 19-14, in the second. That time Holmes led Belleville with eight.

"That's usually how it happens—usually Taylor than me," said Holmes. "We just have to turn it on at the beginning of the

game and that's going to make us better players. We just had to stay focused. And we did. We stayed in the game and kept playing hard."

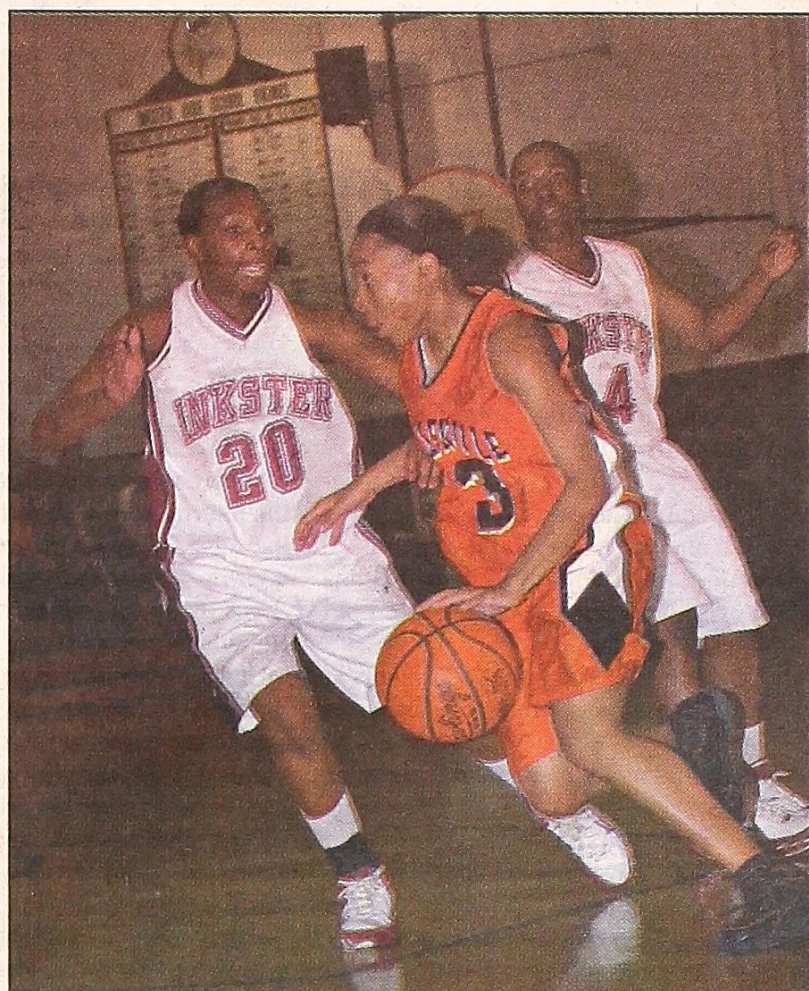
Neither team let up in the second half. Inkster outscored Belleville by one point in the third to make it a 48-41 game in favor of the Tigers. Then the teams combined for 52 points in the final frame. Inkster scored 27 on the comeback trail but it was too little, a little too late.

Although Inkster lost, there was plenty for the Lady Vikings to be happy about. They showed continuity and team chemistry—the elements that took them deep into the state tournament last year.

"I can handle a loss better when we play like we played tonight," said Inkster Coach Peggy Carr. "We played hard all the time and (the girls) followed our game plan and they did what we wanted them to do. We just didn't hit some of the shots we wanted to; we didn't convert. I can handle that but I can't handle us not working hard."

So far there has been no problems with Belleville's chemistry.

"We bond very well—that's the key; we all have to bond," Manley said. "We have to know where everyone is on the floor and that's where the bonding comes in."



Taylor Manley was instrumental in Belleville's 73-68 victory over Mega rival Inkster last Tuesday. She scored 25 points in the outing.

Belleville only has three teams in their way to a perfect conference season. The Tigers are at Romulus (Nov. 2) and host Wyandotte (Nov. 7) and Monroe (Nov. 9). Then it is district time, starting the week of Nov. 13.

"We have a lot of confidence now that we think we can win it all," Holmes said. "We just have to take it one game at a time like coach tells us."

Belleville went and defeated host Lincoln Park, 52-24, on Thursday. Manley and Holmes each scored 18 in the contest.

Inkster beat host Romulus, 78-58, on Thursday.

Terrell led the way with 37 points, 10 rebounds and seven steals. Scales added 20 and also had 10 rebounds. Erika Wasson scored 20 for Romulus and Jasmine Brown added 14.



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Snack Attack!

FAMILY FEATURES

School means a return to packing lunches and preparing after-school snacks. Make this school year fun with a new collection of easy-to-make snack recipes from the National Honey Board.

Instead of giving your kids the same boring sandwich, jazz up their lunch box and snacks with a few easy tips:

Update a classic

Honey gives a new twist to an old favorite. Try a PB&H by switching out the jelly for honey, and this sandwich will be a new lunch box staple.

Wrap, roll and skewer

Wrap fixings in a tortilla for a handy "to go" snack. Cut sandwiches into small, flattened, crustless squares; spread bread with honey and chopped fruit, and roll into kid-friendly rolls or fashion them into kabobs.

Prepare for snack attacks

Make a double batch of snacks and keep them on hand when hungry bellies come calling. Honey-sweetened granola bars stay fresh in tightly sealed containers and banana pops store perfectly in the freezer. Honey is also a natural preservative that will keep your snacks extra fresh.

Customize to fit cravings

Snack time is more fun with your favorite and colorful toppings. Roll a banana pop in graham cracker crumbs, dried fruit or coconut for a fun, individualized sweet treat.

Reach for a quick dip

Eating fruit is twice as fun with a naturally sweetened dip. Keep individual serving-sized packages of honey fruit dip in the refrigerator where it's ready to grab and go.

Add energy and brainpower to your kid's school day with good-for-you snacks made with pure honey. Honey is a great all-natural sweetener with no added ingredients. Read the label to make sure you purchase 100 percent, pure honey.

The National Honey Board provides a full collection of snack recipes and tips in the Honey Snack Recipe Brochure, complete with colorful photography. To receive a free copy of the brochure, visit www.honey.com or send your mailing address to Pure Honey Snacks Brochure, P.O. Box 14636, Madison, WI 53708-0636.

For more recipes using pure honey, or to find out more about the benefits of using honey, visit www.honey.com. To find a local honey producer or special honey variety, visit www.honeylocator.com.

Frozen Honey Banana Pops



NATURALLY SWEET SNACKS ARE BACK

Peanut Butter & Honey Roll-Ups

Honey Cherry Granola Bars

Peanut Butter & Honey Roll-Ups

Makes 2 servings

- 4 slices wheat bread
- 1/2 cup smooth peanut butter
- 1/2 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped nuts (sunflower seeds, almonds or walnuts)
- 1/4 cup strawberries, finely diced
- 4 skewers (optional)
- Additional fresh fruit such as kiwi, strawberries, grapes or pineapple (optional)

Trim crusts from bread. Gently press bread or flatten with a rolling pin. Spread each slice with 2 tablespoons peanut butter and 2 tablespoons honey. Sprinkle 2 bread slices with 1 tablespoon nuts each. Sprinkle remaining slices with strawberries.

Cut each slice in half. Firmly roll up each slice and serve, or thread the roll-ups and fruit onto skewers and serve as kabobs.

Honey Cherry Granola Bars

Makes 12 to 16 bars

- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 3 egg whites
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon almond flavoring
- 3 cups low-fat granola
- 1/2 cup almonds, coarsely chopped
- 3/4 cup dried cherries

Preheat oven to 350°F. Whisk together honey, butter, egg whites, cinnamon and almond flavoring. Stir in granola, almonds and cherries. Spoon granola mixture into a 9-inch nonstick (or well-greased) square pan. Using a piece of wax paper, firmly press granola mixture in pan. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove pan from oven and place on a cooling rack. Cool completely; cut into bars.

Frozen Honey Banana Pops

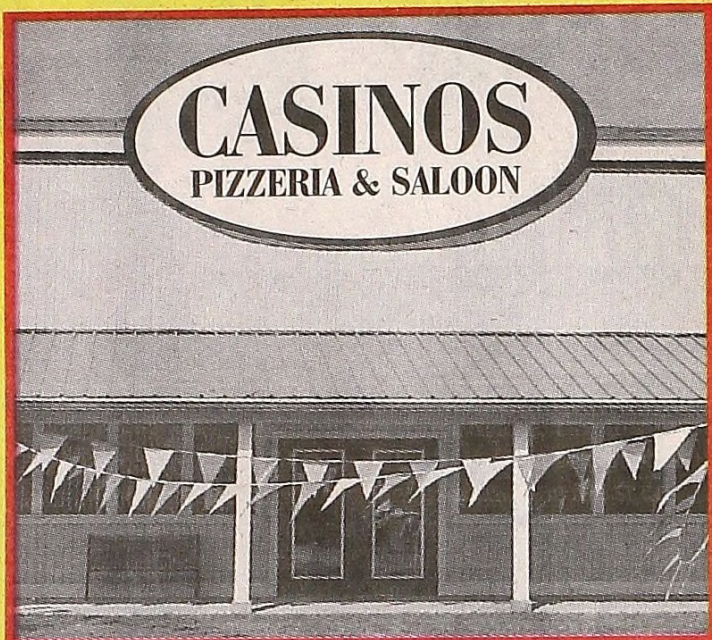
Makes 8 pops

- 4 just-ripe bananas, peeled
- 8 craft sticks
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1-1/3 cups finely chopped nuts, coconut, carob chips, dried fruit, graham cracker crumbs, etc.

Cut bananas in half cross-wise. Insert a craft stick into each cut end. Freeze for at least 30 minutes on a wax paper-lined tray.

Meanwhile, spread desired toppings onto separate plates. Spoon about 1 tablespoon honey over each slightly frozen banana, rotating and smoothing honey with back of spoon to coat all sides. Roll banana in desired topping until coated on all sides, pressing with fingertips to help toppings adhere. Return pop to wax paper-lined tray and repeat with remaining bananas. Freeze pops 15 minutes or more to set toppings. Serve.

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